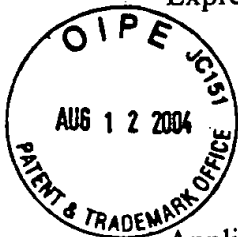


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In response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2004, Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the following amendment.